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MINUTES

OF THE

EV. LUTHERAN SYNOD

AND

MINISTERIUM

North Carolina,

Convened in St. Paul's Church, Orange County, N. C., May 2d, 1845.

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MINUTES.

Pursuant to a resolution adopted at its last annual session, the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of North Carolina, convened in St. Paul's Church, Orange County, N. C., on Friday, May 2d, 1845, at 10 o'clock, A. M. The President, Rev. Wm. Artz, preached the Synodical sermon from John 10. 1—19.

The roll was then called by the Secretary, and the absentees marked.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

	Names.	*Address.*
1	Rev. J. D. SCHECK,	*China Grove, Rowan county, N. C.*
2	" WM. ARTZ,	*Holt's Store, Orange " "*
3	" J. B. ANTHONY,	*Salisbury, Rowan " "*
4	" SAM'L. ROTHROCK,	*Rockville, Rowan " "*
5	" B. AREY,	*Cowansville, " " "*
6	" J. CRIM,*	——————— *Davie " "*
7	" WM. G. HARTER,	*Concord, Cabarrus " "*

LICENTIATES.

8	Rev. J. GRIESON,	*Clapp's P. O. Guilford, " "*
9	" A. GRIMES,*	*Wilkesborough, Wilkes " "*
10	" J. SWICEGOOD,*	*Browntown, Davidson " "*
11	" J. A. LINN,	*Rockville, Rowan " "*

LAY-DELEGATES.

1	Mr. DANIEL BARRIER,	*From Rev. J. D. Scheck's charge.*
2	" HENRY KEEM,	" *Wm. Artz's* "
3	" DAVID BARRINGER,	" *J. B. Anthony's* "
4	" PETER BARGER,	" *S. Rothrock's* "
5	" HENRY TROUTMAN,	" *B. Arey's* "
6	" JACOB WINECOFF,	" *Wm. G. Harter's* "
7	" DANIEL WEAVER,	" *J. A. Linn's,* "

*Absent.

The President then read his annual report, which, on motion, was accepted. (See appendix.)

Synod now proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year, which resulted as follows :

Rev. J. D. SCHECK, *President.*
" S. ROTHROCK, *Secretary.*
D. BARRINGER, Esq., *Treasurer.*

1. *Resolved*, That the reading of the minutes of last year be dispensed with, and that they be referred to a committee, to examine and report on all unfinished business.

Committee :—Rev. J. B. Anthony, and D. Barrier, Esq.

All letters and documents designed for Synod were now handed in and distributed among the following committees :

COMMITTEES.

On papers marked 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.—Rev. G. W. Harter and Jacob Winecoff, Esq.

On papers marked 6, 7, 8.—Rev. J. B. Anthony and D. Barringer, Esq.

On papers marked 9, 10.—Rev. J. A. Linn and Mr. Henry Keims.

On the Minutes of the Maryland Synod, Alleghany Synod, and German Ev. Luth. Ministerium of Pennsylvania.—Rev. Wm. Artz and Mr. Peter Barger.

On the Minutes of the Virginia, Frankean and Hartwick Synods.—Rev. J. A. Linn and Mr. D. Weaver.

On the Minutes of the Synod of the West, and Ev. Luth. Ministerium of New York.—Rev. B. Arey and Mr. H. Troutman.

The Parochial reports were now handed in and registered.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

MINISTERS.	Congregations.	Baptisms		Confirmed.	Received by Letter.	Communicants.	Burials.	Expelled.	Restored.	Sabbath Schools.	Teachers.	Scholars.	Prayer Meetings.	Miss. & Ed Societies
		Infants.	Adults.											
Rev. J. D. Scheck, - - -	2	59	4	41	4	575	25							
" W. Artz, - - - -	4	35		24		160	34							
" J. B. Anthony, - -	2	18	5	40	3	209	26	3	1	2	22	112	2	
" S. Rothrock, - - -	2	36	2	70	3	545	25	3	2					2
" B. Arey, - - -	2	25		29	12	109	4							
" W. G. Harter, - -	3	35	1	33	2	330	17			1	6	40		1
" J. Grieson, - - -		3					1							
" J. A. Linn, - -	2	27	8	52	3	165	26	4	1				1	
Total, - - - - -	17	238	20	289	27	2093	158	10	4	3	28	152	3	3

2. *Resolved*, That Synod take a recess for one hour.

Closed with prayer by Rev. J. B. Anthony.

SECOND SESSION.

FRIDAY, 2 *o'clock*, P. M.

Synod met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. J. A. Linn.

The Treasurer of Synod sent in his report on the state of the Treasury.

3. *Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to examine, and report on the Treasurer's accounts.

Committee.—Rev. Wm. Artz and J. Winecoff, Esq.

The subject of vacant congregations was then called up, but deferred until the committee on letters would report.

Contributions for Synod were now called for, and handed in as follows:

CONTRIBUTIONS.

From Rev. J. D. Scheck's charge.

St. John's Church, - - - -	$8 00
Luther's Chapel, - - - -	4 00——12 00

From Rev. W. Artz's charge.

Shoemaker's Church,	$1 85	
Low's Church,	56	
St. Paul's Church,	9 66	12 07

From Rev. S. Rothrock's charge.

Organ Church,	$7 00	
St. Stephen's Church,	3 01¼	10 01¼

From Rev. B. Arey's charge.

St. Michael's Church,	$1 75	
St. Paul's Church,	1 75	3 50

From Rev. W. G. Harter's charge.

St. James' Church,	$3 00	
St. Enoch's Church,	1 90	
Bethel,	1 41¼	6 31¼

From Rev. J. B. Anthony's charge.

St. John's Church,	$7 00	
Union Church,	3 66¼	10 66¼

From Rev. J. A. Linn's charge.

St. Paul's Church,	$2 00	
St. Mathew's Church,	1 50	3 50
		$58 05¾

1. *Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to take charge of these contributions, together with the money remaining in the Treasury, pay the whole over to the Treasurer elect, and take his bond for the same.

Committee.—Rev. J. B. Anthony, and Mr. D. Weaver.

The committee appointed to have the Minutes of former sessions of this Synod, translated from the German into English language, now reported.

Report No. 1.

The committee appointed to procure a translation of the Minutes of former Synods recorded in the German language, beg leave to state that they have received and would now present to Synod the translation, made by Dr. Hazelius

We would also state, the Dr. has kindly rendered his services gratuitously.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. ARTZ,

Adopted. WM. G. HARTER.

5. *Resolved*, That the Secretary stitch the translated Minutes together, and bind them in some cheap form and depo-site them in the Archives of Synod.

6. *Resolved*, That Synod express its thanks to Rev. Dr. Hazelius for his services so kindly rendered, in the translation of the Minutes just referred to.

7. *Resolved*, That Synod adjourn, to meet at 9½ o'clock tomorrow morning.

Closed with singing and prayer by the President.

THIRD SESSION.

SATURDAY, *May 3rd, 9½ o'clock*, A. M.

Synod met pursuant to adjournment, and was opened with singing and prayer by the President.

The Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

Rev. Samuel Sayford, was introduced as delegate from the Synod of South Western Virginia, and invited to a seat among us.

The report of the Treasurer of Seminary Fund was handed in, and referred to a committee for examination.

Committee.—Rev. J. A. Linn and D. Barrier, Esq.

The report of the Treasurer of Centenary Fund was also handed in and referred to a committee for examination.

Committee.—Rev. B. Arey and H. Troutman.

The committee, appointed to examine the Minutes of last year, reported.

Report No. 2.

The committee to whom was assigned the duty of examining the Minutes of last year, have had the same under consideration, and submit the following as their report:—

They find on page 8th, that two committees were created the nature of whose duties were such as to produce the possibility of an earlier report than the present meeting of Synod. The first relates to the collection of certain books bequeathed to this body by the late venerable STORK; and the second, is a committee to visit vacant and destitute congregations in Lincoln and Catawba counties.

On page 16th they find certain resolution with respect to replenishing our Zion with a faithful and efficient Ministry, which may require the attention of this body. Your committee is further of opinion that a report from our delegate to the South Carolina Synod will be desirable, as to what answer that body returns to the inquiry in the last resolution in the above Report. (No. 11.)

Again: Your committee is of opinion that the Synod will be pleased to learn from our delegate to the Classis of the German Reformed Church in this State, what action, if any, was had by said body on the articles of correspondence adopted by this body at its last annual session. (See Report 7th, p. 11.)

Your committee is not certified of any other unfinished business, nor do they feel it to be their duty to make any special recommendations further than to call the attention of Synod to the above particulars.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. ANTHONY,

Accepted. DANIEL BARRIER.

The several items in the above report were then taken up and considered.

After some statements by the committee referred to in the first item, it was,

8. *Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to sell or present, at their discretion, to members of Synod, the books referred to.

Committee:—Rev. J. A. Linn and Rev. J. B. Anthony.

The committee referred to in the second item, stated that the duty assigned them, had not been attended to, and gave their reasons for their non-attendance to it.

9. *Resolved*, That the committee be excused for the reasons assigned.

The delegate appointed to the Synod of South Carolina, stated, that he did not attend, for the reason, that said Synod

changed its time of meeting, but addressed a letter to said body.

The delegate appointed to the German Reformed Classis, stated, that he did not attend, inasmuch as the time intervening between the meeting of Classis and this Synod, was too short to enable him so to do, but addressed a letter to said body.

10. *Resolved*, That the delegate to the Synod of South Carolina, and the delegate to the German Reformed Classis, be excused for the reasons assigned.

The attention of Synod was then called to the resolutions on page 16, of the minutes of last year, and referred to by the committee in their report.

After sundry statements made,

11. *Resolved*, That Synod has heard with pleasure, the statements of the brethren, to carry out the objects of those resolutions, and that they continue their efforts in future.

The delegate to the Synod of South Western Virginia reported.

Report No. 3.

To the Synod of North Carolina:

Your delegate to the last convention of the Western Virginia Synod would state, that he attended to the duty assigned him; and was received with fraternal kindness by the brethern composing that body.

The Rev. Samuel Sayford was appointed as their corresponding delegate to the present meeting of our Synod. We are happy to see that brother in our midst.

Respectfully submitted,

Adopted. WM. G. HARTER, Del.

The committee on papers numbered 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, reported.

Report No. 4.

The committee appointed to report upon certain papers numbered 1, 2, 3, 4, & 5, beg leave to make the followlng statement:

No. 1, is the President's annual report, in which we find, with other matters, two recommendations. In regard to the first, your committee offer the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorised to pay Rev. P. Kistler the sum of

$50 for his Missionary services rendered in Catawba county, in the year 1843.—

In reference to the second recommendation,

Resolved, That the sum of $359 be paid over to the Rev. Samuel Sayford according to the request of the President of the Western Virginia Synod, it being the just and full share of the Seminary funds contributed by that body.

Lastly—We recommend that the brethren, Rev. J. Crim and Rev. A. Grimes be excused for non-attendance at this meeting of Synod.

No. 2, is a petition from a large number of the members of Organ Church, desiring this Synod to hold its next Annual Meeting at that Church. We refer the consideration of this petition to the Synod, when the election shall be held for the place of our next meeting.

No. 3, is a similar petition from the Council of Union Church. Referred as above.

No. 4, is a letter addressed to this body by the Councils of Union and St. John's churches, under the pastoral care of Rev. J. B. Anthony, stating the prospering condition of these congregations—their high approbation of their Pastor, and desire that he should remain among them.

No. 5, is a letter to the Rev. J. B. Anthony by J. M. Smith, expressing a desire that he should visit the churches in Davidson county. He also requests brother Anthony to lay their destitute condition before Synod, that some arrangement may be made to supply them with the preached Word.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. G. HARTER,
JACOB WINECOFF.

Adopted.

The sum of $359 00 was then paid over to Rev. Samuel Sayford, according to the second resolution in the above report.

The committee on papers, 6, 7, and 8, reported.

Report No. 5.

The committee on letters numbered 6, 7, & 8, beg leave to submit the following as their report :—

No. 6, is a communication from St. Matthew's Church, Rowan county, N. C., signed by the Church Council, and many of the male members of said Church, expressive of their entire satisfaction with the ministerial labors of their present Pastor, the Rev. J. A. Linn ; together with an earnest request that he be ordained to the Gospel Ministry, and that he continue to labor amongst them.

No. 8, is a communication signed by the Council of St. Paul's Church, Rowan county, in behalf of the congregation, of similar import.

No. 7, is a letter signed by eleven male members of Luther's Church, praying this body to re-admit them under its care, as a congregation ; likewise expressing their satisfaction with the labors of Rev. J. A. Linn, and request the renewal of his license.

So much of letter No. 7, as relates to the admission of Luther's Church into connection with this Synod, your committee recommend that the prayer of the petitioners be granted them.

They recommend that the remaining part of the communication, together with letters No. 6 and 8, be referred to the consideration of the Ministerium.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. B. ANTHONY,
D. BARRINGER.

Adopted.

The committee on papers, 9 and 10 reported.

Report No. 6.

The committee appointed to examine letters No. 9 and 10, beg leave to submit the following:

No. 9, constitutes a petition to your body, from St. Paul's church Rowan county, praying that your body hold its next annual Synodical meeting, at said place. We would refer said petition to the consideration of Synod, at the time and when said choice is to be made.

No. 10, is a communication of the Treasurer of the "Centenary Fund," from which we learn, that he has in possession the sum of $228 17½ cents, the interest of which he sends to us by the hand of the Rev. J. D. Scheck. He further desires that the sum or sums which may be received at this meeting of Synod, intended for the "Centenary Fund," will be forwarded to him by Mr. Scheck, whose receipt for the same will be good.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. LINN,
HENRY KIME.

Adopted.

THE COMMITTEE, TO AUDIT THE ACCOUNTS OF THE TREASURER OF SYNOD, REPORTED.

Report No. 7.

NORTH CAROLINA, Cabarrus county, *May 1st.*, 1845.

John Shimpoch in account with the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of N. Carolina:

To cash remaining in the Treasury of last year, - -	$68 51
Contributions received at last Synod, - - - - -	41 50½
Total amount, - - - - - - -	$110 21½

Paid out as per receipts.

T. N. Kurtz's receipt for printing Minutes of 1844, - -	$42 38
Balance due Synod in cash, - - -	$67 93½

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN SHIMPOCH, Treasurer.

The committee appointed to audit the Treasurer's account would report, that they have examined and found it correct.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. ARTZ,

Adopted. JACOB WINECOFF.

Amount of Synodical Funds.

In hands of Treasurer as per his report, - - - -	$67 93½
Contributions at the present meeting, - - -	58 05½
Making a total of, - - - - -	$125 99½

12. *Resolved*, That the interest, ($13 68) sent up by the Treasurer of the Centenary Fund, in the event the committee, to whom his accounts were referred for examination, report his accounts to have been correctly kept, be added to the principal and loaned out as such.

Rev. W. G. Harter now informed Synod that a Record Book was needed, and that he had purchased one, and would now present it to Synod for its reception. The book was then laid on the table and examined.

13. *Resolved*, That the book, just laid on the table by brother Harter, be received, and that the Treasurer be authorized to pay him three dollars for the same.

Ordered, That the Treasurer pay the Secretary of Synod, $6 62 postage, freight, &c.

Ordered, That the Treasurer pay Rev. W. G. Harter $8 15 travelling expenses to Synod of South Western Virginia and postage.

Ordered, That Treasurer pay Rev. J. D. Scheck 25 cents postage.

A call was now made for the contributions to the Centenary Fund.

The following sums were then paid over:

From St. John's Church, per Rev. J. D. Scheck,	$50	00
" Bear Creek Church, per Rev. W. G. Harter,		96¼
" Organ Church, per Rev. S. Rothrock,	41	25
" M. Barrier, Esq., his 2nd instalment,	5	00
" Mr. S. Neusman, his 3rd "	1	00
" Rev. S. Rothrock, subscription in full,	20	00
From St. Mathew's Church, per Rev. J. A. Linn,	$22	90
" St. Paul's Church " "	15	00
Total,	$155	21¼

D. Barringer, Esq., also paid his subscription in full, amounting to $20 00, with instructions that the same be applied to the cause of Foreign Missions in India, under the direction of the General Synod.

FIRST COMMITTEE ON MINUTES REPORTED.

Report No. 8.

The committee to whom was referred the examination of sundry copies of minutes of sister Synods, would report as follows:

No. 1, is the minutes of the ninety-sixth annual meeting of the German Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania and adjacent States. This Ministerium, as its name imports, is composed of ordained ministers, residing in different States. Its whole number at present, is 55 and two candidates for membership. The statistical table of parochial reports for the past year, furnish the number of 208 congregations; 5,170 baptisms; 2,258 confirmed; 29,831 communicants;—1,770 deaths; 111 congregational schools; 77 Sunday schools. The total amount of contributions for Synodical purposes, is $137 99 cents; and for Missions, $837 98 cents. The officers of this Ministerium are Rev. J. Miller, D. D., President. J. W. Richards, Secretary, J. C. Baker, D. D., Treasurer. The next annual convention of this body will be held at Reading, on Trinity Sunday.

No. 2, contains the proceedings of the 4th session of the Alleghany Evangelical Lutheran Synod, of Pennsylvania. This Synod numbers 15 ministers. Its officers are Rev. J. Martin, President, R. Weiser, Secretary, D. Moser, Treasurer.—The whole number of congregations in connection with this Synod, is 69, of which 16 are vacant. The statistics of the parochial reports, are the following; Baptisms of Infants 747; of Adults 105; of members fully admitted to the communion of the Church by the rite of confirmation, 648; by certificate 60; Prayer-meetings 74; Sabbath schools 49; deaths 104. The amount of contributions for the Synodical Treasury, is $49 89; cents for education purposes, $198 31 cents. This Synod will hold its next annual meeting at Martinsburgh, Bedford county, on Thursday before the first Sabbath in October next.

No. 3, is the minutes of the Maryland Synod. Its officers are Rev. S. W. Harkey, President; F. W. Conrad, Secretary; J. P. Cline, Treasurer. Thirty ministers are in connection with this body. The total numbers of the parochial reports are as follows: Congregations 62; baptisms of Infants 1067; Adults 69; received into full communion by confirmation 435; admitted by certificate 90; communicants 6,664; deaths 228; Sunday schools 74; teachers engaged in them 946; scholars 5,355; Prayer-meetings 109; contributions to the cause of education $901 00; to the treasury of the Synod $97 30. From the appendix we learn, that for the purpose of enabling them to manage with convenience their fiscal concerns, and of promoting religion, the present members of this Synod and their successors, are created a body corporate; subject in the exercise of its privileges, by laws and ordinances to civil statutes, and provided, that said corporation do not at any time hold or possess property, real, personal or mixed, exceeding in total value, the sum of fifty thousand dollars. This Synod adjourned to meet in Washington City, D. C., on Tuesday evening before the 3d Sabbath in October next.

These vast and rapidly increasing associations of Lutherans are employing every available instrumentality, and exerting all their energies in promoting the interests of education and of missions, and imparting to a dying world the invaluable blessings of the Gospel. Verily they have the cause of the Redeemer at heart, and their progress is onward—is like the morning light which shineth brighter and brighter, even unto the perfect day. Submitted with deference.

WILLIAM ARTZ,
PETER BARGER.

14. *Resolved*, That Synod adjourn, to meet at 9½ o'clock on Monday morning.

Closed with singing and prayer by Rev. B. Arey.

After an intermission of half an hour, the members of Synod and congregation assembled in the church for divine worship. A sermon was preached by Rev. S. Sayford, delegate from the Synod of S. W. Va., from Math. 7: 24—27, and was followed by Rev. W. G. Harter from 1 Cor. 15: 3. In the evening, at early candle-lighting, as well as on the preceding evening, divine service was also attended to in the church.

SABBATH EXERCISES.

The religious exercises of the Sabbath were commenced with a sermon by Rev. G. Haltiwanger, who had arrived on the preceding afternoon as delegate from the Synod of S. C., from Numb. 10: 29, and was followed by Rev. J. D. Scheck from Acts 24: 25. After a short intermission, the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered. The congregation was then again addressed by Rev. J. B. Anthony from 2 Pe.

1 : 10, 11, and was followed by Rev. W. Artz, who preached a funeral sermon from Ps. 23 : 4, by special request.

At candle-lighting, another sermon was preached by Rev. W. G. Harter from Rom. 12 : 1. Thus ended the exercises of the Sabbath.

FOURTH SESSION.

MONDAY, *May 5th*, 9½ *o'clock*, A. M.

Synod met pursuant to adjournment, and was opened with singing and prayer by the President.

The Minutes of Saturday were read and approved.

Rev. Mr. Welker was introduced as corresponding delegate from the Classis of the German Reformed Church, and invited to a seat.

Rev. G. Haltiwanger, corresponding delegate from the Synod of South Carolina, was introduced to Synod and invited to a seat among us.

Rev. Mr. Stayly, of the Christian Church, was introduced and admitted as advisary member.

SECOND COMMITTEE ON MINUTES REPORTED.

Report No. 9.

The committee into whose hands the minutes of the Synod of New York and of the West were placed for examination, would beg leave to state that the former convened in the Lutheran Church at Livingston's Manor, Columbia county, New York, on the 16th of September 1843. There were present 15 ordained ministers, 4 candidates, and 2 commissioners. Its officers are Rev. H. N. Poleman, Pre'st, Rev. Jacob Day, Secretary, Rev. N. W. Geortner, Treasurer. There were 16 absentees, most of whom were excused.

Their parochial reports stand as follows: Congregations 35; Baptisms of Infants 787; Adults 43; Confirmations 470; number admitted from other Churches 31; number who have partaken of the Lord's Supper, 5791; number removed 107; number of deaths of members 97; Funerals attended in congregations 292; Sunday schools 35; teachers 160; scholars, adults 62; children 568.

The Synod of the West held its tenth annual convention at Fort Wayne, Allen county, Indiana, in October 1844. Its officers are, Rev. S. Springer, Pres't; A. A. Trimper, Sec'ry; F. Wynecken, Treasurer. This Synod numbers 19 ordained ministers and 11 licentiates, 20 of whom were absent.

The parochial reports stand as follows: Congregations 44; baptisms of Infants 473; adults 53; confirmed 132; admitted 54; communicants 2847; Sunday schools 6; Bible classes 3; Prayer-meetings 20; burials 118; collected for treasury, $55 26. The brethren composing these different bodies appear to be dili-

gently engaged in their Master's cause, and encouraging and sustaining all the benevolent operations of the day. All of which is respectfully submitted.

BENJAMIN AREY,
HENRY TROUTMAN.

The committee on the accounts of the Treasurer of Centenary Fund, reported.

Report No. 10.

Henry Miller in account with the Evangelical Luth. Synod of North Carolina, - - - - - Dr.

Received at the meeting of Synod held at Luther Chapel,

September, 1842, - - - -	$21	52½
" held at Sandy Creek, - - -	31	90
" held at Concord in May, 1844, - -	174	75
	$228	17½

Interest on the above from May 3rd, 1844, to May 3rd, 1845, $13 68. Respectfully submitted,

HENRY MILLER, *Treasurer.*

The Committee whose duty it was made to audit the accounts of the Treasurer of the Centenary Fund, beg leave to state, that they have attended to said duty and find it correct.

Adopted. Respectfully submitted,

BENJAMIN AREY,
HENRY TROUTMAN.

AMOUNT OF CENTENARY FUNDS.

In hands of Treasurer as per his report,	$228 17½
Interest as per resolution of Synod,	13 68
Contributions at the present meeting,	155 21¼
Total amount,	$397 06¾

A letter from the Rev. Dr. Hazelius, together with the Minutes of the South Carolina Synod, were now laid on the table by brother Haltiwanger.

15. *Resolved*, That the letter just received from Dr. Hazelius be read.

16. *Resolved*, That the Synod has heard with pleasure the letter from Dr. Hazelius, and that a committee be appointed

to examine the plan of three years study referred to in the letter, and the Minutes of S. C. Synod, and report as early as possible.

Committee.—Rev. W. G. Harter, Rev. W. Artz and Mr. P. Barger.

Mr. L. C. Groseclose, a student of Pennsylvania College, was introduced and received as advisary member.

The committee on the accounts of the Treasurer of Seminary Fund, reported.

Report No. 11.

The committee appointed to examine the report of the Treasurer of Seminary Fund, beg leave to submit the following:

That they have examined said report and found it to be correct.—

The Treasurer holds a note on Dawalt Lentz, dec'd for		$237 00
Interest on the above from September 23d, 1844, to 23d April, 1845, collected,		$36 60
Loaned out January 14th, 1845, - - -		$500 00
Loaned out April 15th, 1845, - - - -		190 00
Cash on hand, - - - - - - -		363 00
Aggregate amount,		$1326 60

On the last two loans no interest has been collected, inasmuch as the money has been but recently loaned out.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH A. LINN,
DANIEL WEAVER.

Adopted.

17. *Resolved*, That the interest, ($36 60) which has been sent up by the Treasurer of Seminary Fund. be paid to the delegate from the South Carolina Synod, to be paid by him to the Treasurer of the Lexington Seminary.

AMOUNT OF SEMINARY FUND.

Aggregate amount as per Report of committee,		$1326 60
Interest paid delegate from S. C., as per order of Synod, - - - - -	$36 60	
Amount paid delegate from S. W. Va., as per order of Synod, - - - -	359 00	395 60
Amount of Standing Fund,		$931 00

Report No. 12.

The committee appointed to receive the money intended for the Synodical Treasury, and to pay the same to the Treasurer and take his bond, have discharged that duty.

Respectfully submitted,
J. B. ANTHONY,
DAN'L. WEAVER.

Adopted.

THIRD COMMITTEE ON MINUTES REPORTED.

Report No. 13.

The committee appointed to examine the minutes of Sister Synods, beg to leave submit the following :

Document No. 1, are the minutes of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Virginia. This Synod held its fourteenth annual session in Winchester, Va., May 11th—16th, 1844. This Synod is composed of 14 ordained ministers and four licentiates. The officers of Synod are, Rev. J. B. Davis, President ; Rev. L. Eichelbarger, Sec. ; Rev. T. Miller, Treasurer.

The parochial reports present the following facts : Number of congregations 39 ; baptisms, of Infants 161 and Adults 98, total 282 ; confirmed 300 ; admitted 12 ; communicants 2263 ; Sabbath schools 20 ; teachers 40 ; children 200 ; Prayer-meetings 43 ; contributions to the Synodical fund $57 05. The sum of $117 00 was subscribed for education purposes.

No 2, are the minutes of the fourteenth annual session of the Hartwick Synod of the Evan. Luth. Church in the State of New York, held in Dansville, on the first and following days of June, 1844.— This Synod is composed of 15 ordained ministers. The officers of Synod are, Rev. Thomas Lape, President ; Wm. N. Sholl, Secretary ; Martin J. Stover, Treasurer. The parochial returns give 20 congregations ; baptisms, Infants 170, Adults 29 ; confirmed 161 ; admitted 17 ; communicants 2851 ; Prayer-meetings 24 ; Sabbath schools 15 ; teachers 50 ; scholars 427 ; contributions to Synodical fund $19 45 ; Missionary and Education $15 75.

No. 3, are the minutes of the seventh annual session of the Franckean Evan. Luth. Synod, convened at Parisville, Oswego co. N. Y., June 6th, 1844.

The Synod is composed of 18 bishops ; 10 licentiates ; preachers 1. The officers are as follows : Bishop John D. Lawyer, President ; Bishop N. Van Alsteine, Sec. ; Bishop B. Diefendorf, Treasurer.— The parochial reports give the following statistics : Number of congregations 40 ; Baptisms, Infants 140 ; Adults 87 ; confirmed 224 ; admitted 26 ; Prayer-meetings 48.

Your committee are happy to learn that these different bodies are

manifesting zeal in the great cause of human salvation. We have found nothing of special importance, except that the "Colporteur System," has been highly recommended. We would refer this subject to the consideration of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,
J. A. LINN,
DAN'L WEAVER.

Adopted.

18. *Resolved*, That the consideration of the subject of Colportage, referred to by the committee, be deferred until the next meeting of Synod.

19. *Resolved*, That the Secretary take charge of the bonds belonging to Synod.

Rev. J. B. Anthony in the Chair. The subject of a revision of the Constitution was then brought up and considered.

20 *Resolved*, That a committee of three ordained ministers and three laymen be appointed to propose a revision of the Constitution, and report at next meeting of Synod.

Committee.—Rev. J. B. Anthony, Rev. W. G. Harter, Rev. S. Rothrock, D. Barringer, Esq., J. Winecoff, Esq., and Mr. P. Barger.

21. *Resolved*, That the President be added to the above committee.

22. *Resolved*, That the President be also added to the committee created by the 8th Resolution of this meeting of Synod.

Synod then adjourned, to meet again after the meeting of the Missionary and Education Society.

Closed with prayer by Rev. Mr. Welker.

FIFTH SESSION.

Monday, 4 *o'clock*, P. M.

Synod was called to order and proceeded to business.

An election was then entered into for the place of the next annual meeting of Synod. Invitations were given from Organ, Union, and St. Paul's Churches, in Rowan County. On counting the votes, it appeared that Union Church had a majority. The next annual meeting of Synod will therefore be in said Church.

23. *Resolved*, That Rev. B. Arey be excused from further attendance at this meeting, and that his delegate be excused for the remainder of the day.

24. *Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to dedicate St. Matthew's Church, Rowan county, at such time as said committee may agree upon, and that due notice of the time be given to the congregation.

Committee.—Rev. J. D. Scheck, Rev. J. B. Anthony and Rev. S. Rothrock.

A letter from Rev. Dr. Muller, Washington City, D. C., soliciting aid in behalf of his congregation, was brought to the notice of Synod by Rev. W. G. Harter.

25. *Resolved*, That each minister belonging to this Synod, be requested to lay the subject of the above letter, before his congregations, and forward to Dr. Muller, such contributions as he may be able to obtain for the object specified.

COMMITTEE ON MINUTES S. C. SYNOD REPORTED.

Report No. 14.

The committee appointed to report upon the minutes of the Synod of S. Carolina, and also upon the course of studies prescribed by the Ministerium, to those who desire to enter the Gospel Ministry, but are unable to take a regular course in the Theological Seminary, beg leave to state, that they have examined said plan, and submit its principal outlines :

1. The time of study prescribed, is three years. For the first year, the student is required to study the historical part of the Old Testament, and to acquaint himself with the principal doctrines contained in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke ; and to present a sketch of these doctrines to the examining committee.

The second year's course, is a continuation of that of the first year, and also to make himself acquained with Jewish Antiquities and Church History.

For the third year, the student is to study the prophetic writings with reference to Horne, 4th vol., pp. 137—210. In the New Testament, the Epistles of the Apostles and Pastoral Theology, (Miller's Letters.)

Such students as are thus engaged, have all the privileges enjoyed by regular students.

The parochial reports of this body show that those brethren are zealously engaged in the cause of Christ. They have turned special attention to the colored population within the bounds of their respective charges, and have succeeded in gathering a goodly number into the Church. They report churches 36; total number of baptisms, both colored and white 469; members received, white 298; colored 152; communicants 2882; Sabbath schools 21; teachers 94;—scholars 616; charitable societies 5; burials 152.

The number of Ministers connected with this Synod are, ordained 26; licentiates 3; students under the direction of Synod 7. May the Lord prosper these brethren in their zealous exertions to promote the Redeemer's Kingdom. Respectfully submitted,

Adopted. WILLIAM G. HARTER,
WILLIAM ARTZ.

26. *Resolved*, That we approve of the plan of a course of study, as recommended in the Minutes of the South Carolina Synod, for such persons as are unable to take a regular course in the Theological Seminary.

27. *Resolved*, That when this Synod adjourns, it stand adjourned, to meet again on Friday before the 1st Sunday in May, 1846. at 10 o'clock, A. M., at the place already agreed upon.

28. *Resolved*, That the ministers henceforth report to Synod, the number of members deceased in their respective charges.

The election of Delegates was then entered into, which resulted as follows:

To South Carolina Synod.—Rev. W. G. Harter.

To South-Western Virginia Synod.—Rev. W. Artz.

29. *Resolved*, That 800 copies of the Minutes of the present meeting of Synod be printed—that the Secretary superintend the printing and distribution of them, and that five copies be sent to each sister Synod in the United States.

30. *Resolved*, That in relation to Special Conferences, the same arrangement obtain this year, which obtained last year.

31. *Resolved*, That the Pastor *loci* be requested to communicate from the pulpit, on some suitable occasion, to our friends and brethren in this neighborhood our unfeigned thanks for their hospitality, and the unremitted care and attention which

they have manifested for our comfort, during our stay in their midst.

The minutes of this day's proceedings were then read and approved.

Synod having now disposed of all the business before it, therefore,

32. *Resolved*, That we now adjourn.

Closed with prayer by the President.

SAMUEL ROTHROCK,
Secretary of Synod.

MINISTERIAL SESSION.

MONDAY, *May 5th*, 8 *o'clock, P. M.*

The Ministerium met and was opened with prayer by Rev. W. Artz.

The subject of Ordination, which had been referred to the Ministerium, was then taken up and considered.

Br. Linn then handed in a written sermon, and a journal of his labors during the past year.

After an examination of the above sermon and journal, and mutual conversation on the subject,

1. *Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to examine Br. Linn, and in the event that his examination prove satisfactory, he be ordained in his own church, at such time and place as he may designate.

Committee.—Rev. J. D. Scheck, Rev. J. B. Anthony, Rev. S. Rothrock, and Rev. W. G. Harter.

The case of John T. Tabler, whom the President had restored to the Ministry in the course of the past year, was then taken up and considered.

After mature deliberation on the subject, the following preamble and resolution were adopted:

In view of all the facts in relation to the case of John T. Tabler,

2. *Resolved*, That the Ministerium cannot confirm the action of the President in the restoration of the said Tabler to the Gospel Ministry, and that the letters of restoration forwarded to him by the President, are hereby revoked.

3. *Resolved*, That a copy of the above resolution be forwarded to Mr. John T. Tabler by the Secretary as early as convenient.

4. *Resolved*, That this Ministerium now adjourn.

Closed with prayer by Rev. G. Haltiwanger.

SAMUEL ROTHROCK,
Secretary of Ministerium.

APPENDIX.

(A.)

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT.

Beloved Brethren: Grace, mercy and peace be multiplied unto you from God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom with the Spirit of all Grace, be glory, and honor, and thanksgiving, and praise, as it was, is now, and ever shall be. Amen.

Through the all-gracious kindness and care of an unceasing Providence, we have been safely brought through the varied scenes and dangers of another Synodical year. Blessed be the name of the Lord our God, that we have, each one of us been preserved among the living amidst the fell ravages of disease and death on every hand, and permitted once again to greet each other in our Father's House; to convene as an ecclesiastical body; a society of Christians to unite our prayers and intercessions at a throne of grace in behalf of Zion and of a dying world, and to devise and deliberate upon suitable ways and means to promote the cause which is dear to us; the declarative glory of the Divine Redeemer in the edification of his followers and the salvation of perishing sinners. The poet, when he would fill our minds with an idea of the magnitude of the work in which we are engaged says with truth—

> "'Tis not a cause of small import
> The Pastor's care demands;
> But what might fill an angel's heart,
> And filled a Saviour's hands.
> They watch for souls, for which the Lord
> Did heavenly bliss forego;
> For souls which must forever live
> In raptures, or in woe." Luth. Hymns, 567.

May God help us to watch as those whom he has set as watchmen on the walls of Zion, and as "those who must give an account that they may do it with joy and not with grief."

The Constitution by which we are governed as an Ecclesiastical body makes it the duty of the Presiding Officer to hand in annually to Synod a written report of his official transactions. I would therefore, in obedience to its requisition present

you the following detailed account of events which have transpired within our bounds since we last met in Synodical convention.

In conformity to a resolution of the first session of the Ministerium, found on page 21 of the printed minutes of last year, I addressed a letter of enquiry on the subjects mentioned in said resolution, and also of invitation to attend the present meeting of Synod to the Rev. Adam Grimes, of Wilkes county. His reply contains the following particulars: First, an unequivocal disavowal of his ever having the least intention, or inclination to secede from his connection with the Evangelical Lutheran Church and Synod of North Carolina: Secondly, an apology for his absence from former meetings of this Synod and from the present meeting for want of sufficient means to enable him to attend. Thirdly, an earnest request, that the brethren would excuse his ommissions for the reason assigned. And lastly, he implores the blessing of Almighty God upon the deliberations of our present meeting.

Agreeably to the instructions given me during the second session of the Ministerium, concerning the restoration of Mr. John T. Tabler, to the Gospel ministry, I commenced an epistolary correspondence with the gentlemen recommended.—Having received, in a joint letter from them, favorable testimony to his moral and christian character and deportment, I accordingly forwarded to him letters of plenary restoration to the membership and ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church under the jurisdiction of this Synod.

I addressed several letters and forwarded a copy of our Minutes of last year to the Rev. Paul Kistler, requesting him to claim for himself, or to make some disposition of the sum of fifty dollars which was promised by Synod to the Minister who should preach for the term of one year to our destitute people of Lincoln county, but have received no answer. I would recommend, that Synod, by the passage of a resolution, authorize the Treasurer to pay to Bro. Kistler the above sum as his just due, he having performed the work.

Recently I received a communication from the Rev. Jacob Scherer, President of the Western Virginia Synod, and chairman of a committee appointed on the part of the same, for the purpose of conferring with this Synod on the subject of a division of the funded capital of our Seminary Treasury, and of receiving the proportion or share contributed by that Synod, the amount of which, according to the statement of the committee in a letter received in the month of June, and also according to the statement of our Secretary, is $359 00. Bro. Scherer's desire and urgent request is, that, if at all convenient, the money be paid over into the hands of the Rev. Samuel Sayford, the Western Virginia Synod's Delegate to the present meeting of this body. "Funds," he says, "are greatly needed to aid some promising, indigent young men at the Institute in Augusta county, who must either have aid or relinquish their studies." I would recommend, that the full amount of the share contributed by our brethren of Western Virginia to our Seminary fund, or such part of it as may be collected and be at the disposal of the Synod at its present meeting, be paid over to the Rev. Samuel Sayford.

Bro. J. B. Anthony, who was received into full connection with our Church and

Ministry at its last meeting at Concord, was unanimously chosen Pastor of St John's Church, Salisbury, and also of Union Church, vacated by the resignation of bro. Rothrock. In his connection with us and in his interesting pastorate, labouring indefatigably in the cause of God and for the welfare of souls, I am happy to state that he enjoys manifest tokens of the Divine approbation and commands the respect of all denominations of Chrstiains around him, and of his fellow-citizens generally.

Bro. J. A. Linn who was licensed to preach the Gospel at our last meeting has accepted the pastoral charge of St. Paul's and St. Matthew's churches, in Rowan county. He is actively and successfully engaged in the work of the Lord. With regard to St. Paul's church, he says: "My brightest anticipation here, is that, if a large fold cannot be collected, it will be one of true experimental godliness."—With regard to St. Matthew's church, he says: "Since I have commenced laboring here, thirty-three have been added to the Church by the rite of Confirmation. A regular prayer-meeting has been established, which is carried on by the members themselves with becoming propriety and zeal. I have already felt the blessed influence of such an institution not only among themselves, but even in all my ministrations to them. I feel an assurance that my labours among my two little flocks have not been in vain." In addition to the above labours, bro. Linn preaches monthly on week days at "Luther's, *alias* Lentz's Church," in the S. E. of Rowan county. He says: "the prospect of building up a congregation here is encouraging. The field to work in is large, and thickly settled. On Easter, when bro. Rothrock and myself held a two-days meeting there, 15 gave in their names as candidates for church communion. This was the first attempt, and we considered this a great victory, and no doubt, if faithfully attended to, much more can be done. The members are truly zealous in the cause of God: they have commenced erecting a new church edifice. May God prosper them, and add grace to their grace."

The Rev. J. Crim, has removed from Davidson into Davie county, and assumed the pastoral care of Jerusalem and of St. Matthew's churches in the latter. He still continues to preach by the earnest solicitations of the brethren at Sandy Creek Meeting-house, in Davidson county. May the Lord smile upon this new relation, and cause his work to prosper abundantly in the hands of his servant in his new field of labour. In the event of his being absent from this meeting, bro Crim wishes to be excused on account of family circumstances of a peculiar character.

From the brethren, generally, I have received interesting information respecting the success of their labours and prosperity, and of the prosperous state of religion in their respective charges, from which I am led to draw the cheering conclusion, that "God is still in the midst of Zion;" and that the verbal and living testimony for Christ, which is continually borne by pious ministers and members of the church, is still the primary means, under the influence of the Spirit of God, of confounding the wisdom of the world—of reclaiming the wicked, the profligate,

and the careless, from the destructive error of their ways ;—of comforting those who mourn over transgression in Jacob, and of gathering in his elect. The Lord can thus frustrate the designs of hell and earth, and overrule the wrath of man to his own glory. He can thus fully accomplish his own stupendous purposes of love and mercy toward our fallen world, and build the walls of Jerusalem even in troublesome times. Let every one, then, in the bosom of the Church, whether called to minister in holy things, or to be ministered unto, resolve, and say with the Prophet of old : "For Zion's sake will I not rest, and for Jerusalem's sake will I not hold my peace, until her righteousness go forth as brightness and her salvation as a lamp that burneth."

Finally, beloved brethren, I would most devoutly commend you and the church at large into the hands of our great Master ;—beseeching his gracious presence to preside over our meeting ;—hoping that his smiles will rest on our deliberations ;—and that all our discussions, recommendations, plans, resolutions and labors begun, continued, and ended in his name, may eventuate in the peace and joy of our hearts and the advancement of his cause

WM. ARTZ, President.

(B.)

PROCEEDINGS OF THE PARENT EDUCATION AND MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

According to previous appointment, Rev. B. Arey, preached the Missionary sermon, text, Eccl. 9th ch. 10th ver.

The objects of the Society were stated by the President, and the friends of the cause were invited to become members by the payment of the small sum necessary to constitute them such. A respectable number enrolled their names, and proceeded to the election of officers for the present year, to wit :

Rev. J. B. ANTHONY, President,
" WM. ARTZ, Vice Pres.
" WM. G. HARTER, Secretary,
Mr. DANIEL BARRIER, Treasurer

APPOINTMENTS MADE BY THE PRESIDENT:

Rev. J. A. LINN,
" J. GRIESON,
Mr. D. BARRINGER,
" P. BARRIER,
E. HOLT, Esq.,
H. FOGLEMAN, Esq.,
} Directors.

Rev. J. D. SCHECK,
" S. ROTHROCK,
" B. AREY,
} Executive Committee.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE MISS'Y. & ED. SOCIETY OF THE EVAN. LUTH. SYNOD OF NORTH CAROLINA:

To note on Rev. B. Arey, - -	$177 72	
A credit, Feb. 16th 1845, - -	50 00	
	127 72	
Interest on the above, - - -	9 88	
Cash on hand, - - - -	12 83	
Interest, - - - - -	77	
Whole amount due Synod in cash,	$151 20	
By note on L. C. Groseclose, - -	50 00	$201 20

Respectfully submitted,
MATHIAS BARRIER.

The Committee to whom was referred the above report beg leave to state that they have examined said report, and would say that it is correct.

Respectfully submitted,
JOS. A. LINN,
L. C. GROSECLOSE,
D. BARRINGER.
} Committee.

CONTRIBUTIONS WERE CALLED FOR FROM AUXILIARY SOCIETIES, AND THE FOLLOWING WERE HANDED IN:

By Rev. S. Rothrock.

From Organ church, - -	$8 10	
" St. Stephen's church, - -	4 20	$12 30

By Rev. J. D. Scheck.

From St. John's church, - -	14 25
Paid by members at this meeting, -	5 50
Collection, - - - - -	9 92½
Total, - - - - -	$41 97½

The Committee to whom was referred the taking of the bond of the Treasurer

elect, have attended to the duties assigned them, and report that the sum of two hundred and forty-three dollars, and thirty cents, have been paid into the hands of the Treasurer. Respectfully submitted,

H. FOGLEMAN,
DAVID BARRINGER, } Committee.

A letter was presented by the Secretary, from Rev. A. A. Muller, D.D., respectfully soliciting aid from this society towards the support of the Missionary station at Washington City, D. C. After some discussion of the subject, and in view of the limitations of our Constitution, and smallness of our funds, it was,

1. *Resolved*, That we cannot, under present circumstances, render any aid to the station at Washington City, D. C.

2. *Resolved*, That the Ex. Com. with the President of the Society, and the Secretary of Synod, make search for the notes against Mr. J. Krimminger, and proceed to collect them, if possible.

3. *Resolved*, That some one be appointed to preach the Missionary sermon at our next meeting. Rev. J. D. Scheck, was appointed.

Mr. L. C. Grosclose made application for further aid from this Society: Whereupon it was,

4. *Resolved*, That the whole matter respecting Mr. Grosclose be referred to the Executive Committee.

5. *Resolved*, That an extract of the proceedings of this Society, be appended to, and published with the minutes of Synod.

6. *Resolved*, That we adjourn to the time and place of the meeting of Synod, at 2 o'clock, P. M. on Monday.

WM. G. HARTER,
Secretary of the Education & Missionary Society

one day after her I pro-
I to pay a visit to Mr